GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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SMUGGLING OF COWS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that cases regarding seizure of herds of non-milching cows, calves and bullocks have been reported from various parts of the country while taking them across the border by smuggling for the purpose of slaughtering;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the number of cases of seizure and bovine seizures detected during the last three years and as on April 30, 2005, State-wise;

(c) whether the instructions of the Government given to the Revenue and information Directorate,Regional Offices of Custom Department and State Governments for the prevention of smuggling of bovines are presently in force; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION {SHR1 KANTILAL BHURIA):

(a) Cattle seized from illegal transportation by overloading including those being sent to illegal slaughter houses are sent to animal welfare organizations for maintenance under the scheme called Rehabilitation of Rescued Cattle.

(b) The details of rescued animals are given in the enclosed Statement.

(c) and (d) The Ministry of Home Affairs have instructed all bordering States, Border Security Force, Narcotic Control Bureau and the Central Board of Excise & Customs (Department of Revenue) to be more vigilant to check all types of smuggling on Indo-Bangiadesh border.